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RESERVE MOBILIZATION

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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE OUR CURRENT VIEWS ON THE STATUS
AND SUBSTANCE OF THE PROGRAMS BEING DEVELOPED BY
TASK FORCES ON REINFORCEMENT AND RESERVE MOBILIZATION.

2. REINFORCEMENT PROGRAM. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT AT
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PRESENT TASK FORCE 2 IS COVERING ONLY LIFT AND RECEPTION
OF REINFORCEMENTS, AND NOT LEVELS OF REIMBURSEMENT.
BY REFTTEL WE HAVE SENT DIRECTOR OF TF 2 ASSUMPTIONS
AS TO US REINFORCEMENT FORCES WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE
AT GIVEN TIMES. HOWEVER, WE EXPECT THE TASK FORCE
ITSELF TO COUCH THEM IN TERMS OF PROGRAM GOALS OR
OBJECTIVES, RATHER THAN JUST US ASSUMPTIONS, SO THAT

THE US CAN THEN WORK TO MEET THESE NATO ESTABLISHED PROGRAM GOALS AND GET CREDIT FOR REACHING THEM AS PROGRAMMED. SIMILARLY, THE TASK FORCE SHOULD ESTABLISH REINFORCEMENT UNIT GOALS FOR CANADA AND THE UK. THEN, TASK FORCE SHOULD COVER TIME-PHASING OF UNITS, THE LIFT REQUIRED FOR THESE FORCES AND WHO SHOULD PROVIDE

IT, AND THE RECEPTION FACILITIES (E.G., PORTS, AIRFIELDS, POMCUS AND OTHER STORAGE SITES) REQUIRED FOR THESE REINFORCEMENTS AND THE COUNTRIES DESIGNATED TO PROVIDE THEM, AS WELL AS THE ESTIMATED COSTS.

A. CIVIL RESERVE AIR FLEET (CRAF). WE EXPECT NATO TASK FORCE TO PROGRAM WHAT EUROPEANS CAN CONTRIBUTE ALONG CRAF LINES IN ORDER TO INSURE ADEQUATE AIRLIFT FOR REINFORCEMENT SCHEDULE. US TASK FORCE IS WORKING ON AN INPUT THAT WOULD PROVIDE OUR VIEWS ON WHAT US CAN DO AND WHAT EUROPE SHOULD DO.

B. RECEPTION FACILITIES. US, UK AND CANADA MUST PROVIDE THEIR REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEPTION FACILITIES BASED ON THE TIME-PHASING OF REINFORCEMENTS, AND NATO MUST PROVIDE PROGRAM FOR ESTABLISHING RECEPTION FACILITIES TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS. US TASK FORCE IS WORKING ON MATERIAL TO ASSIST NATO TASK FORCE
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ON THIS POINT.

C. POMCUS. WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE TASK FORCE ON WHAT MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES SHOULD BE PREPOSITIONED FOR US REINFORCEMENT FORCES. NATO TASK FORCE REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE POMCUS AND NECESSARY STORAGE SITES FOR CANADA AND UK, HOWEVER SMALL. THIS SHOULD NOT BE A US-ONLY PROGRAM.

3. RESERVE MOBILIZATION PROGRAM. WE SEE A SERIOUS GAP IN THAT RESERVE MOBILIZATION TASK FORCE APPEARS TO BE CONCENTRATING ON RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO IMPROVE MOBILIZATION TIMES, RATHER THAN ON DEVELOPING A SPECIFIC PROGRAM WHICH WOULD ALSO STATE WHAT ADDED FORCES EACH NATO COUNTRY SHOULD PRODUCE, TIMEPHASED BY YEARS. THE LATTER WOULD PROVIDE US WITH ANSWERS TO CONGRESSIONAL ENQUIRIES AS TO WHAT OUR ALLIES ARE DOING IN THIS AREA. IT WOULD ALSO HELP OTHER MODS WITH THEIR PARLIAMENTS BY PROVIDING A COORDINATED NATO PROGRAM. IF ALLIES COMPLAIN ABOUT A LACK OF BUDGETED OR PROGRAMMED FUNDS TO ACCOMPLISH THESE MOBILIZATION GOALS, WE SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT THIS IS

A LONG-TERM PROGRAM WHICH CAN BE FUNDED IN LATER YEARS.
US DELMC SHOULD INFORMALLY DISCUSS THESE POINTS WITH
THE RESERVE MOBILIZATION TASK FORCE PERSONNEL AND
FIND OUT WHAT THE TASK FORCE HAS ACCOMPLISHED UP TO
NOW. WE ARE NOT CALLING FOR LARGER NUMBERS OF
RESERVISTS, BUT FOR BETTER USE OF AVAILABLE RESERVIST
POOLS TO PROVIDE MORE RESERVE COMBAT AS WELL AS SUPPORT

UNITS.

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